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CHANGE OF FASTDAY.

On account of the Y. M. and Y. L. L. A. and Primary conferences on the first Sunday of June, it is suggested that Sunday, May 29, be observed as fast day in the Salt Lake, Ogden, Liberty and Pioneer stakes.

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contradicted it is inconsistent to be severe on an occasional critic on the other side, especially if he is known to be an honest and able representative of the people.

AN EXCELLENT JOURNAL.

A Mail of general comment of late months has been the steady improvement in the magazine published as the organ of the Deseret Sunday School Union, the Juvenile Instructor. Some time ago the management of the magazine was re-organized, President Joseph F. Smith remaining the editor, George D. Pyper, being named as associate editor, and T. Albert Hooper the business manager, Mr. Pyper having active charge of the contents and make up. Not only has the appearance of the publication been improved to a marked degree, but its contents are of a nature that will insure their being widely read both by young and old.

The illustrated articles in recent numbers, especially that devoted to the late President John R. Winder in the May issue, are of an unusual grade of excellence and the June number, just at hand, maintains the standard already set, some of the leading articles being as follows: Editorial, "The responsibility of teachers," "A trip to Dickens Land," illustrated, by Horace G. Whitney; "Pictures of the Holy Land," by C. E. Johnson; "The lure of the City," by Jennie Roberts Mabey; "The Porcupine," with illustrations, by Claude T. Barnes.

A great deal of information to department work for the officers in the Sunday school work is printed as usual, while the musical selection for the month, is a lively juvenile composition entitled "Hurrah for the Flag."

One who reflects upon the curious fact that municipal elections in so many of our larger cities turn out entirely contrary to the wishes of the majority of the citizens, naturally asks, how is it done? In a country where the majority, in theory, rules, how is it possible for a minority to manipulate the ballot box in the interest of graft and vice? For instance, in a city where the majority of the citizens are men with moral ideals, and even the women vote, how is it possible to elect dockkeepers to the city council and men who are financially interested in the sale of dynamite, to the highest office in the gift of the citizens? It is evident that the manipulators of elections that turn out contrary to the will of the majority, are exercising some kind of a black art, the secrets of which are not public property.

A contributor to the Independent for May 12, Edward Ridley Finch, in an able article on "The Fight for a Clean Ballot," shows how "repainting" is done by which process thousands of fraudulent votes are being cast in nearly every election. After a careful investigation in 1907 in New York, the committee reported that the number of wholly fraudulent votes cast in an annual election in the Borough of Manhattan never falls below 30,000, and in elections considered important far exceeds that number. With such odds against him, what can the honest voter do?

Mr. Finch says one of the producers of fraudulent votes told the "organizers" that he would be able to deliver 500 votes from his district though the registered vote was only 400. That is, he promised 100 fraudulent votes, or more than 25 per cent. These are the methods employed:

"His wife and he occupied the first floor above the basement of a three-story house made over to accommodate a family on each floor. Eight names were to be registered as living with them, and his wife knew her role. He had been able to provide some odd jobs for the man who rented the floor above, and in return this man and his wife were to stand cover for seven. The woman who rented the top floor was to pretend that she lived with her, in consideration of the payment of her rent for a month. The barber in the basement, favoring a steady customer, was willing to put a screen in the rear to cover a double cut and make pretense for two more. He had gone to every one who had taken names the year before and had urged the necessity of the greatest possible increase. In addition, he had canvassed the janitor and the lessee of every apartment house and the proprietor of every house with rooms to let. Wherever there was a vacant apartment he had endeavored, and in most cases with success, to persuade the janitor to say it was occupied by the persons whose names he furnished. The persons living in his district whom he knew he approached directly, and others he approached through mutual friends. Those who were willing he paid either with a cash consideration or a future reward."

A doctor, who was hoping to be appointed as a coroner's physician, occupied a house with his father and brother, and was willing to take four additional names. The inmates of a disreputable house had been sent away and twenty-seven cuts had been sent in, and the house had a sign as renting rooms to men only. A stable in the block had furnished cover for eleven more. If any questions were asked of these men, their only answer was to be that they worked and slept in the stable. He himself was employed in a city department and consequently only put in an appearance for a few minutes, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Every one in the neighborhood understood that it was the man before election. He had kept in mind all the year around the real work that he was assigned to do. Whenever any favor was done for any household or lessor, there was always the idea that this person might be obtained as a cover for additional false votes."

When this man had procured his 500 votes, or as many as he could, he hired a vacant basement near the polling place. The story continues:

"Here he had a helper in charge who had a list of the places from which the names were to be registered. Throughout the four days of registration he would be visited from time to time by a man whom he would know and who would introduce to him two or three men at a time, and these men would be sent into the basement, and there given the name and address and information under which they were to go up and register in the polling place. As soon as they had registered they would come back to the basement and would be furnished with a slip upon which they would write the name and address under which they had just registered, and the name of the person with whom they had stated they lived. On this same slip they would also sign the name just the same as they signed

it in the polling place. Having made this slip out and turned it in, they would receive \$1 apiece for registering, and go off with their leader to another polling place to meet the man who was there in charge of the same work. The object of having the information put on a slip and the name signed as the voter had signed it on the registration book was to have this slip ready to turn over to the man who would vote under this name on election day."

New York has sought to overcome this evil by two laws, one known as "The Signature Law," and the other as "The Householders' Law." One makes it possible to identify the voter at the ballot box and the intention of the other is to prevent collusion between the repeater and householder, in the attempt to establish a false residence. It is believed that in 1908 not less than 30,000 fraudulent votes were cast in New York, though many more were cast, demonstrating the necessity of further legislative protective measures.

The subject is one of general interest. Even in our City the fraudulent vote has, in late years, assumed rather formidable proportions. Colonization and repeater have not been unknown. It is a subject that should be carefully looked into. The honest voter everywhere needs further protection by the law against the robbers that take away his rights as a citizen by fraud.

OUR FRIEND DWYER.

A recent call from a friend of long acquaintance of many facts and conditions in the earlier days in Utah that are unknown to the youth of today, and are often misrepresented to strangers by a mistaken or perverted idea of those times put forth by enemies of the people of this State.

A photograph of Mr. James Dwyer, one of the early and long-continued residents of this City, appears elsewhere in this issue.

We beg to add the tribute which friendship would pay to our book-loving brother, who has now taken up his abode upon a ranch in Wyoming. For we knew well this genial and genuine spirit in what we now would call the "earlier days," and on the occasion of his recent visit to the home city, experienced once more the old-time pleasure which we always felt in meeting him. He is today, as men reckon the time, old in years, but young in spirit; in fact, he cannot well grow old, for he has the secret of eternal youth with him—a kind heart, a clear conscience, and a knowledge of the truth.

We have called him a lover of books; and his book store thrived so well and so long because he was such. His taste for good literature and his judgment of what is best therein have received the candid and sincere praise of many a discriminating scholar of today, not a few of whom attribute their best guidance in the choice of books to Mr. Dwyer.

Education was with him a passion. As early as the year 1855, if memory is not at fault, he made a tour of the Territory in company with the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. O. H. Rieggs. In those days some of the country schools were exceedingly primitive—a fact that touched deeply Mr. Dwyer's sensibilities and aroused his efforts in behalf of better education. On his return, he began an active campaign in favor of the establishment of a Territorial Normal school for teachers. A normal course was first given in connection with the University of Des Moines (now the University of Utah) in the year 1868-9. No small share of the credit for Utah's early start in the training of teachers may be accredited to the efforts of our old friend.

Devoted, as he was, to the pursuit of books, he could not deny books on credit from his store to any youth who applied for them; and the records show a large aggregate of such sales, leaving the payment entirely to the honor of the youthful purchasers. It was his daily practice to recommend to young men, the best books he knew of for character-building. He was thus a teacher of youth in a wide and beneficent sense; and several state leaders in education today recall with pleasure how much they owe to Mr. Dwyer's spontaneous direction of their reading. The most modern appliances known to educational methods of the day were his hobbies; and he was in constant communication on these topics with such men as Dr. Park, Dr. Maeser, Orson Pratt, Capt. Bishop, T. B. Lewis, B. Toronto, and others.

The Deseret Museum, also, while under the direction of Prof. Jos. L. Barfoot, received hearty support from its successful continuance and untold usefulness in those days were favorably affected by the stimulating support of Mr. Dwyer. Teachers' institutes, too, regularly held in that early period, were a source of great pride to him, and his attendance upon these conventions was both characteristic and habitual.

Not a few of the local men prominent in political life or in scientific, literary or educational achievement, remember with many a pleasant reminiscence, the part taken by Mr. Dwyer. We venture to guess that Hon. O. P. Whitney, Senator Rawlins, Governor Wells, Hon. H. J. Grant, Pres. J. T. Kingsbury, Judge Booth, Prof. Stewart, Prof. Paul, and a host of others, could relate items of unusual felicity about this well known pillar of progress in the time of their school days.

Such a record clearly entitles a man to the modest boast which we would present to him in the days of his retirement from the more strenuous life of the firing line of the educational battle. May his years be as serene and happy today as his earlier ones were honest and full of good endeavor; and may there be many of them.

THE SAVAGES!

We willingly give space in these columns to the subjoined communication. It presents another important phase of the boy problem, and suggests feasible methods for its solution. This problem has been brought prominently before the public as a result of the praiseworthy activity of the Juvenile Courts. We call the attention of parents and Juvenile Court officers, and of the police and sheriffs

to the important matters disclosed by our correspondent in the following letter:

"To the Editor of the Deseret News—A writer so disposed might readily under such a heading, for instance, as 'The Savages,' construct a pathetic story as a contribution to the pressing 'boy problem' of this City. One morning this week, with the object of studying the nesting habits of the Lewis woodpecker, perhaps the most handsome of all the interesting, splendid, and useful group of birds, I made an early morning pilgrimage to the mouth of Dry Canyon, on the northeastern border of this City. At that place some of the children of the State Normal training school had located a pair of these birds, nesting in a hole they had bored near the top of a tall, dead tree. It seemed almost too good to be true that these noble creatures, the Lewis woodpeckers, should be banished from the confines of our noble City by the brutal savagery of some of its people, who had waged upon these gentle creatures a merciless war of extermination, were willing again to come near to their thankless benefactors, and once more delight the people by the gasp and the amusing ways. Hastening at dawn to the little grove, a large bonfire was observed therein, surrounded by a dozen boys and young men, who had come out very early, when they had seen the Lewis woodpecker, they had come out very early to see the comet. They had bundles of bedding, and looked on as they had the birds through the night. Three of them were climbing the dead tree in an effort to reach the nest of the woodpecker. Two had flippers, and were endeavoring to kill some robins and other birds flying about the grove. The Lewis woodpeckers were nowhere to be seen. 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